

Wycombe W. get point against Kingstonian

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WANDS. 1 : KINGSTONIAN 1

WYCOMBE Wanderers found it tough going against robust, determined Kingstonian, but gained their first home Isthmian league point of the season this afternoon.

Wycombe Wanderers: A. Jones; J. Beck, J. Bartholomew; D. Thomas, J. Fisher, J. Weaver; L. Worley, M. Rockell, P. Bates, C. Trott, J. Tomlin.

Kingstonian: R. Groves; B. Davies, D. Bird; D. Richards, R. Taylor, R. Monk; K. Harris, J. Coates, R. West, H. Lindsay, R. Oakes.

Referee: Mr. E. Press (Thame).

Kingstonian's workmanlike play gave Wycombe early indication of a hard test ahead, but Wycombe were the first to threaten when they were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. However, Bates' powerful shot was blocked.

Thomas was soon prominent with some clever interceptions against Kingstonian's international inside left Hughie Lindsay, but the speedy raids of left winger Oakes often looked dangerous for Wycombe.

ALAN JONES DOES WELL

There was a thrill for the crowd when Tomlin, taking a pass from Worley, flicked in a shot which went only inches wide.

Then in a brisk attack by Kingstonian an accurate shot by Lindsay was deflected for a corner by Fisher but Wycombe's new goalkeeper, Alan Jones, in his first Senior League game, made an excellent save from the kick.

The best shot of the half came a little later from the Wycombe inside right, Rockell, whose long-range drive shook the upright.

Harris broke away on his own for Kingstonian. But as Jones advanced to meet him his shot went just wide.

Play swung swiftly from end to end and while the defences generally maintained the upper hand Kingstonian always looked rather more dangerous in front of goal.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 0, Kingstonian 0.

CHANCES MISSED

Bates missed the best chance of the match for Wycombe in the first minute of the second half when he miskicked from a pass by Worley. Two minutes later he headed over the bar from another fine Worley pass.

At the other end, a centre by left winger Oakes sailed just wide with the Wycombe defence at a loss.

With little to choose between the teams, Wycombe were a little lucky to take the lead 15 minutes after the resumption when Beck converted a penalty awarded for a foul on Bates.

The goal sparked a determined Kingstonian rally and for a time the home goal came under strong sustained pressure.

Worley broke the siege with a brisk run which ended in Groves saving from Bates and with another solo raid in which he tested Groves with a powerful left foot drive.

EQUALISER

But it was little more than they deserved when Kingstonian equalised half an hour after the interval. LINDSAY seized on a loose ball, beat the home backs in a sparkling solo run and sped inside to score a brilliant goal.

With Kingstonian pressing strongly in a bid for the winner Beck cleared off the goalline from a header by Coates.

RESULT:

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